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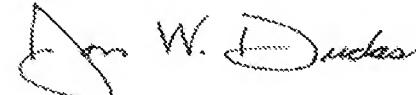
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**MEMO OF INVENTION**

**A. Brief descriptive title.**

Dampening and Retraction Mechanism for a Lancing Device

**B. Project No. 215013 \_\_\_\_\_; Project Name Minimal Invasive \_\_\_\_\_.**

**C. This invention relates to (1) a machine (tool, article, device, apparatus, etc.), (2) a process (production, fabrication, use, treatment, etc.) (3) composition of matter (compound, formulation, etc.), (4) new use of known machine, process or composition, and/or (5) improvement. (Circle as many as seem applicable.)**

Device

**D. State the anticipated commercial application of the invention.**

The dampening and retraction mechanism that could be incorporated into our existing Microlet device. It could also be implemented into a new lancing device to improve reliability and performance and/or be incorporate into a blood glucose instrument with an integrated lancing device.

**E. State precisely what your invention is. Indicate what problem was solved and how you solved it. (Attach extra pages if needed.)**

A dampening and retraction mechanism, which could be incorporated into the existing Microlet that would retract the needle from the puncture site and eliminate multiple punctures, caused by oscillation of the lancet drive mechanism. It would also eliminate the attachment of the drive spring to the lancet holder, simplifying the assembly and helping reduce spring oscillation, which is currently transferred directly to the lancet. The current design relies upon part interference to dampen the lancet holder and control the amount of lancet oscillation. Due to part and assembly variations, the amount of interference can be excessive or none. Excessive interference can reduce the lancet force and adversely effect the puncture depth, causing insufficient sample size and the need to lance again. No interference would result in lancet oscillation, resulting in multiple punctures believed to increase pain. The purposed mechanism incorporates a counter spring force, placed opposite the drive spring, to retract the lancet and control the oscillation of the lancet drive mechanism.

**F. Indicate whether a literature and/or patent search has been performed, and if so, the nature and extent of such search..**

no

Whether or not a search has been performed, list the references, patents, existing products, etc. which you believe to be most relevant to the invention.

**G. State how your invention differs from the items listed in F. List the advantages which your invention has over same. (Attach extra pages if needed.)**

**H. Briefly describe how your machine operates, your process is carried out or your product is made and used. (Attach extra pages if needed.)**

The device consists of a retraction and rebound spring mechanism which applies a force opposed to the lancet drive mechanism. The retraction and rebound spring is placed between the end of the lancet holder, end opposite the lancet, and against the opposite side of the supporting wall of the lancet drive mechanism spring. The retraction and rebound spring applying the opposing force is compressed as the drive mechanism is released, firing the lancet against a stop. At the time the lancet hits the stop, the retraction and rebound spring starts to expands and retracts the lancet from the finger and restricts the distance of the rebound, which will eliminate a second lancet puncture to the finger.

**I. Date you first thought of the invention?**

Identify the records you have to substantiate this date, including books, letters, notes, reports, etc.?

CAD files that document the design.

Models built to prove design.

Highspeed videos to prove function of design.

**J. To whom did you first disclose (orally or in writing) this invention?**

On what date and where did you make such disclosure?

What written evidence do you have of this disclosure to others?

**K. When did you first do any actual experimental work toward carrying out the invention? (Identify laboratory notebooks by number and page.)**

Built Model in

When did you first demonstrate the operation of the invention performing its intended function (i.e., a demonstration of utility or a demonstration of pharmacological activity)?

Highspeed videos performed by in

**L. Who has observed the progress of your experimental work?**

M. Identify all individuals who worked on the invention and indicate the nature of each individual's contribution. (Include authors of this MOL)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor \_\_\_\_\_

Built Models \_\_\_\_\_

Tested Models \_\_\_\_\_

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N. Identify any Memo of Invention (MOI) or patent application related to this invention.

O. Has any commercial manufacture, use or product sale begun?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes

X no

\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, provide details.

When is commercial manufacture, use or any offer for sale anticipated?

P. Has any information concerning this invention been disclosed outside Miles? (Include oral discussions with third parties, publications, advertising, market research, test marketing, etc.)

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Is any such outside disclosure anticipated? Explain.

